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Subject: Keep Us In Mind

First, let me say thank you for taking the time to read this and also for your service to our state government. I have full respect for those who dedicate their lives to helping others. That being said, I wish to express my concern over the bill **4851**. Yes, I am a MMMP and have been since December 2010.

I have never been able to afford any form of Insurance to help with medical bills. Making 20k a year I do qualify for any form of state help. My work place offers insurance, but the cost is over \$100 hundred dollars a month. Thus, I have never had the opportunity to have a long term relationship with any medical doctor. Learning to live with pain has been my only financial choice. I would be the first to say this law needs some changes, but please keep in mind the door that would close to people like myself if such a bill was passed. I never thought when I voted to pass the legalization of medical marijuana, that I too would find benefit from its use. You have entrusted our decision to let others use marijuana for medical purpose's. But when it comes to deciding for ourselves, our decision is no longer trusted, we need permission. Not just from our doctor's but from law officials and now committees.

Those looking to profit from the law should be your main effort and those who break it your priority. As with any law, there will be those who look to take advantage for their own personal gain. I ask that you please do not let these few give you a bad outlook on this program. Maybe introduce a bill that states an Internet doctors approval is not allowed to receive lic. Forcing me to to see a doctor regularly will only make the doctors richer, and those like myself poorer. Even worse make it impossible for those who need help unable to afford it. Please do not pass this bill.

I feel the state is going forward in the right direction. Lets show the nation that this great State of Michigan is a leader in conforming to the will of its citizens. Those who will be remembered for their political careers, are those who have helped citizens live a more productive life. Not those who have suppressed it.

Thank you so much for your time and effort on this issue
any response is welcomed

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